



The Montgomery County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association (MCFVRA) is comprised of 19 independent Local Fire and Rescue Departments (LFRDs). For over 100 years, LFRDs have provided fire and rescue services to Montgomery County residents and visitors.

As of December 31, 2010 more than 1,800 operations and administrative volunteers contributed their time and risked their lives to support the provision of fire and rescue services to the County.



LFRDs own 26 of 36 Fire Stations & Provide Them Rent Free

Many LFRDs own their own facilities (buildings and land). According to the 990 forms filed annually with the Internal Revenue Service, the depreciated value of LFRD buildings and land is approximately \$35 million. Replacement values (as indicated in insurance binders), of LFRD buildings estimated at \$72 million. Replacement values exclude the value of the land. Including land values, LFRD assets rise to over \$100 million.



In summary, over the past five years, the County's vibrant, volunteer fire and rescue service has saved County taxpayers over \$80 million in salary and benefit costs, \$12 million in equipment and maintenance costs, and millions of dollars more in foregone rent. Volunteers have made Montgomery County's Fire and Rescue a Cost Effective Public Safety Service.

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Providing
Cost Effective
Public Safety

New Report Shows Fire/Rescue Volunteers Save
Montgomery County Tens of Millions of Dollars Annually

Volunteers Save County Tax Payers Millions

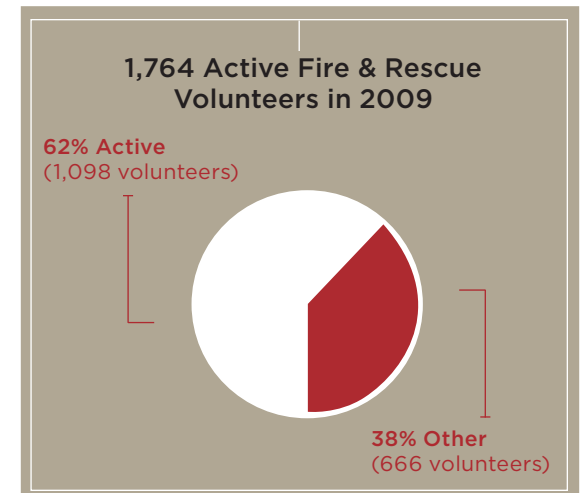
A new report shows that highly trained and skilled volunteer firefighters, EMTs and paramedics save Montgomery County taxpayers more than \$23 million in salary and benefit costs each year, while the local volunteer fire and rescue departments save millions of additional dollars through the purchase of vehicles and equipment and the use of fire stations that are owned by the Volunteer Departments. “This report demonstrates how fire and rescue volunteers are essential to providing cost-effective public safety in Montgomery County,” said Marcine D. Goodloe, President of the Montgomery County Volunteer Fire-Rescue Association, the organization which compiled the report. “Without the commitment and service of volunteers, County taxpayers would pay tens of millions of dollars in additional taxes each year or the level of fire/rescue service would need to be drastically reduced,” Goodloe added.

- Today 865 highly trained, certified, qualified and riding volunteers working hand-in-hand in a unique partnership with 1,038 County career firefighters, risk serious injury and death on a daily basis to help save lives and serve the public safety interests of the County. These individuals save the County an estimated **\$23.2 million** in salary and benefit costs each year. An additional 626 volunteers are trainees/candidates in the process of completing their fire/rescue classes and are riding apparatus but as additional staffing positions.



- The volunteer departments save the County at least **\$2.4 million** by providing firefighter gear, apparatus, equipment, and maintenance of facilities through community fundraising efforts. Replacement value for LFRD provided firefighter equipment and apparatus is over **\$25 million**.
- Millions of dollars annually in rent free use of Volunteer Department facilities (buildings and land).

In addition to volunteer hours contributed, many LFRDs raise funds through events and fundraising campaigns—funds that are used to purchase gear, apparatus, and equipment, and to maintain facilities. Over the last five years the Volunteer Departments have raised in excess of **\$12 million** for this purpose. The dollars raised have not only provided additional savings for County taxpayers but in many instances, they have afforded our volunteer and career fire fighters with more modern equipment to use in saving citizens' lives.



Saved County Tax Payers
\$23.2 million